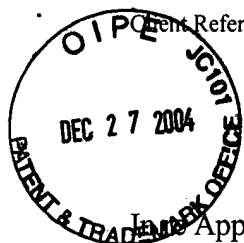


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 27, 2004, Applicant respectfully submits the following remarks and amendments set forth below and request favorable action thereon. The amendments are formatted and presented in accordance with the Revised Format for Amendments promulgated earlier in 2003 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

As the three-month shortened statutory period for reply is due December 27, 2004, this Response is therefore considered timely filed.

AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the “Pending Claims and Status Thereof” which begins on page 3 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this Response.